

AMENDMENTS

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A device for stretching an endless loop of resiliently stretchable material such as those used in removing body parts by constricting blood flow, said device comprised of

a pair of jaws configured to engage a portion of said endless loop, said jaws further pivotally connected to a base portion, said base portion configured for slideable engagement along a holding rail in a first plane of movement, said holding rail also having a portion configured to engage a portion of said endless loop and a portion connected to a grasping handle, and an articulating device configured to move said base portion along said holding rail so as to manipulate said jaws, so as to engage and stretch said endless loop, said articulating device moving in a second plane generally perpendicular to said first plane of movement, said articulating device including ~~The system of claim 10 wherein said articulating device includes a~~
pair of spacer bars pivotally connected to said jaws, and pivotally connected to a portion of said holding rail, said spacer bars configured to alternatively open and close said jaws when said base
[[plate]]portion is alternatively moved along said holding rail.

15. (Currently Amended) A device for stretching an endless loop of resiliently stretchable material such as those used in removing body parts by constricting blood flow, said device comprised of

a pair of jaws configured to engage a portion of said endless loop, said jaws further pivotally connected to a base portion, said base portion configured for slideable engagement along a holding rail in a first plane of movement, said holding rail also having a portion configured to engage a portion of said endless loop and a portion connected to a grasping handle, and an articulating device configured to move said base portion along said holding rail so as to manipulate said jaws, so as to engage and stretch said endless loop, said articulating device moving in a second plane generally perpendicular to said first plane of movement. ~~The system of claim 10 wherein said holding rail is pivotally connected to a pair of spacer bars, said spacer bars also pivotally connected to said jaws, whereby advancing said base [[plate]]portion along said holding rail causes said jaws to open a distance determined by the lengths of said spacer bars.~~

16–19. (Cancelled)